MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have enquired into the number of passengers on the line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: If so, may I know how many passengers are there, daily, on the Kottarakara-Kottayam line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It is a technical question. We maintain what are called statistics of returu per bus. Each bus shows an average earning of 25 chs. per mile and the charge per passenger per mile is ten cash. which gives an average of 40 passengers per bus on that route. That is the statistics which are collected every day and that gives information about the loading on each line.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any private agency is having a service on anyone of those lines?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Are the Government aware that considering the large number of passengers Shencottah-Trivandrum, Quilon-Kottarakara and Trivandrum-Kottarakara routes, the services are not sufficient?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. Measures are being taken to increase the number of services on these roads as soon as vehicles are available.

Express Services.

311. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for reducing the number of the trips of the Alwaye-Parur, Express Service; and

(*b*) whether the Government have thought over the advisibility of providing a shuttle bus in the Alwaye-Parur line?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Some trips were found to be superfluous and unremunerative.

(*b*) The matter will be considered when further extensions are made.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the reason is the absence of sufficient number of passengers?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: In some cases, yes, Sir.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the member is aware that there is virtually overcrowding in the private bus service run by the Union there?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I have received reports about it and shall make investigations shortly.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the number of trips was reduced in consultation with the party?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Not with the party. It was decided in consultation with the Motor Transport Controller.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know how long since the increased trips were adhered to by the department?

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MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I cannot say exactly, Sir; but approximately about eight months.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether he had any talk with the authorities of the private bus service with regard to this matter?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether he has made any arrangements or agreements with the Managing Director of the Union Transport Ltd., regarding the running of feeder trips from Alwaye to Parur at the Express rate?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Proprietors of that Union complained that their service is being affected by the increased number of trips of the Transport service?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that Union service is running buses on that line at the rate of Express service?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: I am not aware of that.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there was a discussion on this matter with the Proprietor?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: There was no discussion between the Director of Transport and the Proprietor of the Union, but there was discussion between the State Motor Transport Controller and the Director of Transport.

Profit from the Transport Department.

312. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the net profit from the Transport Department in each of the year 1118, 1119 and 1120 and of 1121 till 1-12-1121;

(*b*) what amenities are provided for passengers in each important centre in the Transport service lines;

(*c*) whether convenient waiting rooms have been provided for in all such important centres, for the travellers to wait during day and to sleep during night:

(*d*) whether arrangements have been made to keep the present narrow waiting rooms tidy and clean; and

(*e*) whether proper arrangements have been made to keep the running buses clean and comfortable for the passengers to travel in and if so, what?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI:

(*a*) 1118—S. Rs. 8,71,039-0-6,
1119—S. Rs. 12,85,560-23-7,
1120—S. Rs. 15,29,891-0-3 (subject to audit)
1121—S. Rs. 18,00,000 (anticipated)

(*b*) Waiting sheds with urinals have been provided.

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